

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 9 to read:

Portable computers have been gradually taking the place of desktop computers in the market. Portable computers include notebook, tablet PC, webpad, PDA, and etc. where the notebook computer and tablet PC commonly incorporate a standard 85-key keyboard is well-known in the art. Tablet PC and webpad are new types of portable computers developed in recent years. These two new types are notebook-like mobile computers without keyboard, using a touch screen or touch pen for document data input. Normally, it is acceptable to input data by means of touch control or through a touch pen. However, when inputting a large amount of text data continuously using a tablet PC or webpad, a keyboard shall be preferred and connected to the table PC or webpad via a port (for example, PS/2 or USB port). It is inconvenient to carry and use an independent keyboard with a tablet PC or webpad.

Amend the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 1 to read:

It is another object of the present invention to provide a hidden keyboard structure for a portable computer, which protects the protects the keyboard from accidentally touched touching when not in use.

Amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 12 to read:

In the aforesaid portable computer, the coupling mechanism between the shell and the protective cover may be variously embodied. Preferably, the coupling mechanism is a hinge structure. The cable connected between the shell and the protective cover can be of any of a variety of forms, preferably a flexible printed circuit. The cursor control device may be various embodied. For example, it can be a touchpad

or trackpoint TRACKPOINT™ cursor control. The keyboard for the portable computer can be of any of a variety of commercially available designs, preferably, a standard 85-key keyboard. Further, the portable computer can be a touch-control portable computer, tablet PC, webpad, or PDA.